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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

**FROM:**

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Chief, Liaison Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** General Accounting Office (GAO) Investigation  
of Covert Disbursements

1. Mr. Allen Bennett, GAO, reported informally today that GAO is examining a variety of special Presidential authorities. One of these special authorities, is to disburse funds without advising the purpose or recipient under section 614(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended.

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4. Mr. Bennett did not indicate who had levied this requirement on GAO. I told him that our position continues to be that we will brief our oversight committees on these issues when asked, but we would not brief GAO unless our review showed that these cases had become declassified in the interim. Mr. Bennett fully understood our position and knows nevertheless that we appreciate this informal notification.

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